

DRAFT --Town of Mansfield  
Transportation Advisory Committee  
Minutes of the Meeting – May 20, 2010

Present: Frantz (chair), Nash, Ryan, Marcellino, Lindsey, Hart (guest – Town Mgr), Grunwald (guest – Dir of Human Svcs), Gerling (guest – interim Senior Ctr Coordinator), Bilokur (guest – senior ctr), Hultgren (staff)

The meeting was called to order by chair Frantz at 7:32 PM. The minutes of the Nov 12, 2009 minutes were corrected for spelling and approved on a motion by Nash/Marcellino with Ryan and Lindsey abstaining.

Hultgren presented an overview of transportation services in Mansfield and the WINCOG region together with the costs of each service (listed first) and the Town's contribution to these services (listed second):

WRTD's Fixed Route Services \$577,000 total/ \$38,600 Mansfield  
WRTD's Dial-a-Ride \$755,000 total/ \$42,200 Mansfield  
ADA Paratransit service \$96,800 total/ \$32,000 Mansfield

Grunwald then provided more detail on the services targeting senior citizens including how the Town spends its 50% state matching grant (\$32,100) – Out of Region medical trips (\$18,500), Service to the Library and other points \$10,400, and Administration (\$3,200). He then went on to outline the work done to date on a proposed volunteer driver program that is slated to begin at least as a pilot program sometime after July 1, 2010. (A part-time (10 hrs per week) coordinator for this program is in the Town's 2010-11 budget.) Grunwald, Gerling and Bilokur answered questions and asked for ideas from the committee for the volunteer driver program – considerable discussion ensued. Help in finding and recruiting volunteer drivers is needed.

Following the discussion of the senior transportation services in Mansfield, members were updated on correspondence and meeting reports including efforts to get a Town-UConn pedestrian awareness program underway, the ongoing work of the Town's Parking Steering Committee, the design projects for the Storrs Center project and a UConn area bike mapping initiative. Some of the current Traffic Authority business was reviewed as well including speed limit modification requests on Cedar Swamp Road, the grinding down of speed humps on Depot Road, UConn's proposed cameras on the new Mansfield Road/195 signals, streetlight requests and bus stop shelters.

Under old business, Hultgren updated committee members on the status of the Town's transportation-related projects including the Hunting Lodge bikeway (substantially complete), the Birch Road bikeway (bids opened this week), the North Eagleville and South Eagleville walkways (N. Eagleville in design, S. Eagleville small cities grant application in progress) and the need to update the walkway/bikeway priority listing at a future meeting.

The next meeting was set for July 13<sup>th</sup> at which an update on the volunteer driver program will be received and the walkway/bikeway priority listing will be discussed and updated.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lon Hultgren, Dir of PW